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Expelled Tourist Got Spy Sentence, Tass Says

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MOSCOW (UPI)—

An American tourist ousted from the Soviet Union was convicted of spying.

The Soviet news agency Tass said the tourist, Mark I. Kaminsky, 26, a teacher from Jefferson Township, Mich., was sentenced to 7 years imprisonment but was expelled after he pleaded for clemency and showed "sincere . . . remorse."

The report said Mr. Kaminsky confessed before the military tribunal that he had collected intelligence information. It was explained that Mr. Kaminsky photographed military installations and carried a notebook containing "coded notes about the location of an artillery base, radar installations and a military airfield."

Vanished After 3 Weeks

Mr. Kaminsky had entered Russia last July 27 by automobile with another American tourist, Harvey C. Bennett, 26, of Tracy, Calif. About three weeks later they disappeared. Nothing further was heard of them until the United States State Department announced last Friday that they had been expelled for being in a forbidden area.

The two were said to have been ousted in the Soviet-Czechoslovak border town of Uzhgorod. So far they have made no contact with United States Embassies on the western side of the Iron Curtain.

Tass said Mr. Kaminsky had been financed as a spy by an American organization it called the Fair Craft Fund. It said that Mr. Kaminsky told the court at Kiev that he "wanted to make some money."

In Philadelphia, an attorney for the fund said its correct name was Northcraft Educational Fund. He said the group had provided \$2,000 in travel expenses so Kaminsky and Bennett could study abroad.

The attorney, Alexander B. Adelman, said the fund had headquarters "in the Midwest."



MARK KAMINSKY

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but he refused to give a specific site or say who its backers were. He was quoted as having admitted that he gathered information on troop concentrations, the location of radio and power stations, military camps and their approach roads and details about bridges, railway stations and heavy industrial complexes.

Betrayal by Friend Claimed

He reportedly said he was going to submit a report to the "fund" once he got back to the United States and had planned to write a "slanderous book" about the Soviet Union and illustrate it with pictures he had taken.

Moscow radio said Mr. Bennett testified against his friend, denouncing Mr. Kaminsky's activities and declaring "they were incompatible with tourism."

The two were arrested on August 25 as they were going by car from Moscow to Minsk.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry sent a communication to the United States Embassy demanding that "immediate measures be taken to discontinue the use of tourism for intelligence purposes."

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